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After the title, please insert the following paragraph:

--Cross-References to Related Applications

This application is a U.S. national counterpart application of international application serial No. PCT/US98/25850 filed December 4, 1998, which claims priority to U.S. provisional application serial No. 60/067,499 filed December 4, 1997.--

REMARKS

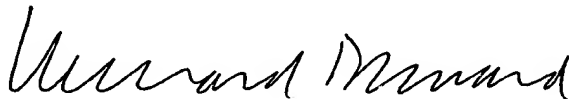
This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to indicate the relationship of the subject U.S. national application to previously filed applications as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.78.

Claims 1-32 are currently pending in this application.

No amendment is believed to go beyond the disclosure in the international application as originally filed.

The application is believed to be in condition for examination and allowance. Consideration of the claims, leading to their allowance and passage of the application to issuance, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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